

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA SENATE  
58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**SENATE FINANCE AND CLAIMS  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISTRICT COURT FUNDING**

**Call to Order:** By **SEN. JOHN ESP**, on April 1, 2003 at 3:12 P.M.,  
in Room 350 Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. John Esp, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Edward Butcher (R)  
Sen. Dan McGee, Vice-Chairman (R)  
Sen. Linda Nelson (D)  
Sen. Jeff Mangan (D)  
Sen. Jerry O'Neil (R)  
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)  
Sen. Mike Wheat (D)

**Members Excused:**

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary  
Valencia Lane, Legislative Services  
Lynn Zanto, Legislative Services

**Please Note:**

**Audio-only Committees:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 134, 1/10/2003

**Motion:** **SEN. DAN MCGEE** moved that **HB000230.ALZ** be recommended to Senate Finance and Claims Committee. **EXHIBIT(fcs69b01)**

**CHAIRMAN JOHN ESP** explained the amendment creates an appropriation out of a special revenue account that counties will put the money in and appropriates it to the Judiciary.

**SEN. MCGEE** advised it is for the accumulated vacation and sick leave for county employees moving to the state.

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion:** SEN. MIKE WHEAT moved HB00229.ALZ TO HB 2.

**EXHIBIT**(fcs69b02)

**CHAIRMAN ESP** advised the amendment would fund the general fund appropriation to the Judiciary for a couple of employees and is necessary to have the title of the committee bill include the language that it is revising certain district court expenses related to court assumption.

**Vote:** Motion carried 7 to 1 with SEN. JERRY O'NEILL voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:16 P.M.

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SEN. JOHN ESP, Chairman

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PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (fcs69bad)